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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US OIL ASSISTANCE TO NETHERLANDS

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1. MFA DIR OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, VAN SCHAIK, AWARE FROM SECRETARY'S NOV 21 STATEMENT THAT MODALITIES OF POSSIBLE US OIL ASSISTANCE TO NETHS AND JAPAN ARE NOW UNDER ACTIVE STUDY IN WASHINGTON, HAS EXPRESSED HOPE OF GON THAT THIS WILL NOT RPT NOT HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DIRECTING OIL COMPANIES TO GIVE NETHS MORE THAN PRORATED SHARE OF AVAILABLE OIL ON BASIS OF HISTORICAL TRADING PATERN. HE FEARS THAT GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTION OF THIS KIND, HOWEVER BENEFICIAL IT MIGHT BE TO NETHS IN SHORT RUN, WOULD OPEN DOOR TO SIMILAR PRESSURES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND PLACE OIL COMPANIES IN AN "IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION." VAN SCHAIK DID NOT SUGGEST ANY ALTERNATIVE THECNIQUE BUT HOPED USG COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WOULD ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE WITHOUT DAMAGING FRAGILE AND TACIT UNDERSTANDING WITH OIL COMPANIES THAT THEY WILL TREAT ALL ESTABLISHED CUSTOMERS IN EVEN HANDED MANNER.

2. FOREGOING SUGGESTION WAS MADE BY VAN SCHAIK WITH DIFFIDENCE BUT DEEP CONFICTION. DUTCH OFFICALS ARE OBVIOUSLY DELIGHTED AND TOUCHED BY US READINESS TO CONSIDER SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES UNDER OAPEC BOYCOTT. THEY HOPE THAT RESOLUTE ADHERENCE BY COMPANIES TO PRORATING PRINCIPLE WILL MAKE US ASSISTANCE TO NETHS UNNECESSARY, BUT ARE GREATLY REASSURED BY PROSPECT OF US SUPPORT

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IF THIS SYSTEM COLLAPSES UNDER PRESSURE FROM EITHER OAPEC SUPPLIERS OR GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES.
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